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AIM OF SOVIET "BUFFER" DRIVE

- I. Basic Soviet aim in push for belt of neutral states is to negotiate a favorable modus vivendi for the USSR during the period of "peaceful coexistence" which Soviet leaders--in view of destructiveness of hydrogen warfare--probably view as prolonged.
 - A. Soviet terms are: mild reduction of tension and modulation of cold war on basis continued possession major pieces of real estate and vital strategic-political advantages USSR now has.
- II. Essential to Soviet drive--as reverse to "negotiation" coin--is maintenance of military strength at high levels, rapid advances in production of critical hardware (like atomic bombs and jet bombers).
 - A. Bulganin-Khrushchev regime stresses military preparedness to show USSR is not negotiating from weakness--whatever its domestic political and economic problems.
 - B. This accounts for Soviet military budget boost, parading of new bombers over Moscow, fanfare and ceremony in Berlin-Prague-Warsaw over setting up unified Soviet-Satellite military command.

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III. Increase in orthodox Soviet-Marxist dogma, noted in recent months, is probably intended persuade Communist faithful that:

- A. Political vigor of revolutionary Communism will not die out in prolonged era of "peaceful coexistence."
- B. New age of expansion of Soviet-Communist power will come in fullness of time.